to heinous terrorist crimes. Therefore, there is no need to refer the pending TADA cases for review by the National Human Rights Commission.

Promotion of Handicarafts, handlooms and Powerlooms

*210. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) The number of proposals received from Assam Government for promotion of handicrafts, handlooms and powerlooms in the North-Eastern Region during last three years;

(b) the number of proposals, out of them, pending or under consideration of Government;

(c) whether Government have prepared any special scheme for promotion and development of hadicrafts, handlooms and powerlooms in North-Eastern Region; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the amount proposed to be spent on promotion of the same in the Region, during the Ninth Five year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) and (b) During the period 1995-96 till 1997-98, as per available records, 37 proposals were received in handicrafts sector from Assam Government Marketing Corporation and Assam Apex Weavers and Artisans Cooperative Federation Ltd. and 34 were sanctioned. 292 proposals were received from Govt, of Assam in Handloom sector and 260 were sanctioned. One proposal has been received from the Assam State Powerloom Cooperative Federation Ltd. Guwahati in Powerloom sector, but was not sanctioned. The reasons for some proposals not being sanctioned are— for want of utilisation certificate, physcial and financial progress reports, inquiries into the claims, delays in release of State Govt. Share, proposal not being in accordance with approved scheme, etc.

(c) and (d) Some schemes operated by the Government for handicrafts and handlooms sectors have provisions for higher financial assistance for North Eastern Region. During the Ninth Five Year Plan, the Government have earmarked 10% of the Budget for North Eastern Region.

नालन्दा –बड़गांव-नारी सड़क की शोचनीय हालत

*211. **श्रीमती मालती शर्मा** : क्या ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि नालन्दा जिले (बिहार) में नालन्दा-बड़गांव-नारी सड़क जो अनेक गांवों को शहरों से जोड़ती है, की हालत बहुत ही शोचनीय है,

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि इस सड़क के बनने के बाद से इसकी हालत में सुधार लाने के लिए आज तक कोई प्रयास नहीं किया गया है,

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या ग्रामीणें की सुविधा एंव पिछड़े गांवों को सुचारू ढंग से शहरों से जोड़ने की दृष्टि से इस सड़क को मोटर-यातायात के योग्य बनाने का कोई प्रस्ताव है, यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है,और

(घ) इस कार्य को कब तक पूरा कर लिया जाएगा?

ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री बाबागोड़ा पाटील) : (क) से (घ) सड़कें राज्य का विषय है । सड़कों के निर्माण और रखरखाव के लिए राज्य सरकारें जिम्मेदार हैं । सड़को के निर्माण और रखरखाव के लिए योजना आयोग द्वारा राज्य योजना के अंतर्गत निधियां आबंटित की जाती है । बिहार के नालन्दा जिले में नालन्दा-बड़गांव- नारी सड़क की मरम्मत करना और सरकार के क्षेत्रधिकार में आता है । बिहार सरकार ने सूचित किया है कि इस सड़क के बेगमपुर-नारी भाग को मरम्मत करने के लिए 16,00,000 रूपए की राशि स्वीकृत की गई है । जून, 1999उ तक मरम्मत कार्य पूरा हो जाने की आशा है । राज्य सरकार बड़गांव से बेगमपुर तक सड़क बनाने की योजना भी बना रही है ।

Insurgent Groups in North-East

*212. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the major insurgent groups operating in the North-East, alongwith details of their strength in terms of members, arms and ammunition;

(b) the number of deaths and kidnappings in insurgnet activities in the North-East, State-wise, during the last five years; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to meet the challenge posed by insurgent groups in the North-Eastern Region?